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"YOU ARE ABOUT TO COMMIT YOURSELVES TO THE SISTERHOOD. YOU WILL BECOME DAUGHTERS OF MEDUSA, WITH ALL THAT ENTAILS...
"...THE THREE OF YOU ARE HUMAN, AND LIKE OUR OTHER HUMAN SISTERS, YOU WILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO GO ON LIVING YOUR HUMAN LIVES..."
...BUT TODAY YOU SWEAR ALLEGIANCE TO QUEEN MEDUSA AND ALL HER DAUGHTERS, AND YOU VOW TO GIVE AID TO OPPRESSED AND ABUSED WOMEN, EVEN TAKING UP ARMS WHEN NECESSARY--
OF COURSE WE WILL. WE ALREADY DO.
AND YOU VOW... TO COME TO THE AID OF THE DAUGHTERS OF MEDUSA... IN TIME OF NEED.
OF COURSE, YOUR MAJESTY. WE VOW IT.
HHSSSS ZZSSS
COME, THEN. TIME IS WASTING... AND SO AM I...
BOW YOUR HEAD.

UNNGGHH
SNAP
THE SERPENT DECIDES. YOU ARE NOT GORGON BY BIRTH, BUT IF YOU ARE GORGON AT HEART, THE SNAKES WILL KNOW, AND YOU WILL BE SPARED.
THANK YOU, YOUR MAJESTY.
YOU, DAUGHTER...YOU ARE NEXT. I FEEL THE GORGON IN YOU.
OHHH... GOD...
THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITH IN ME.
SSSSSSSSSS
...AM I... ALIVE...
NOW...THE SERPENT DECIDES...
CHRIST... THAT WAS NOT FUN.

THIS IS RIDICULOUS. THAT WE SHOULD FOLLOW ORDERS FROM AN ENGLISHWOMAN. THAT WE SHOULD STAND HERE AND DO NOTHING WHEN MONSTERS HAVE TURNED OUR FRIENDS TO STONE?
YOU! ENGLISHMAN! THEY HAVE BEEN INSIDE FOR TOO LONG. WE MUST GO IN!
I'M NOT AN ENGLISHMAN, YE BAWBAG! I'M A SCOT. AND LADY BALTIMORE'S ONLY ENGLISH BY MARRIAGE. AS FOR WAITING OUT HERE, WE'VE ALL GOT OUR ORDERS, HAVEN'T WE? YOU STAND BY--
IT SEEMS THE WAIT IS OVER.
JOSEPHINE... THANK GOD...
IT'S ALL RIGHT NOW, MAC. WE'VE MADE OUR PEACE WITH THEM.
YOU HAD ME WORRIED, GIRL.
IT'S BEEN A STRANGE NIGHT. AND I'M SORRY TO SAY IT ISN'T OVER. LADY BALTIMORE AND CHARLOTTE AND I... WE HAVE A MISSION NOW, AND IT WON'T BE SAFE FOR YOU. OR ANY MAN.
AS LONG AS YOU ALL COME BACK IN ONE PIECE.
YOU, ESPECIALLY.
I WILL. OF COURSE I WILL...

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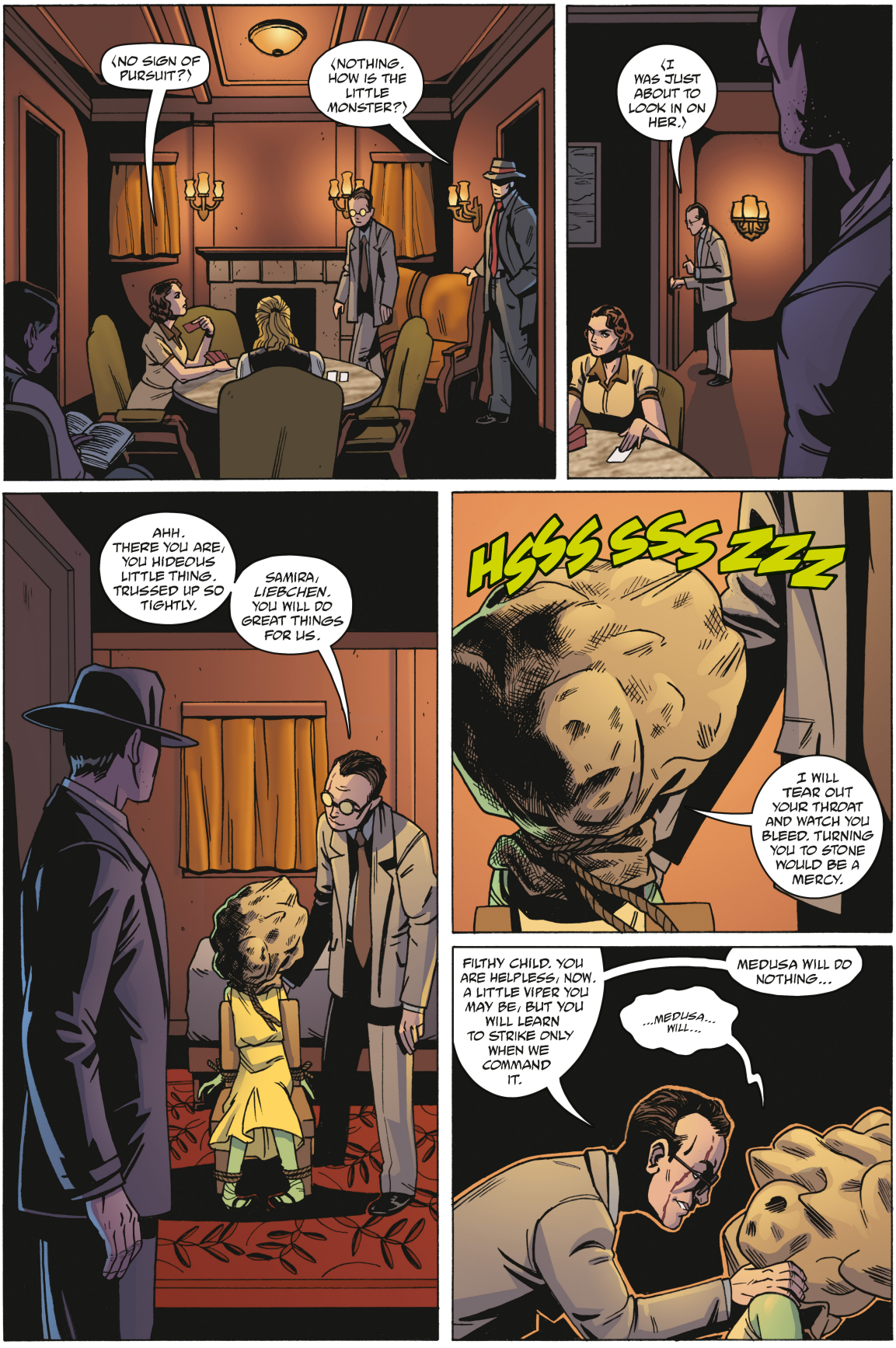
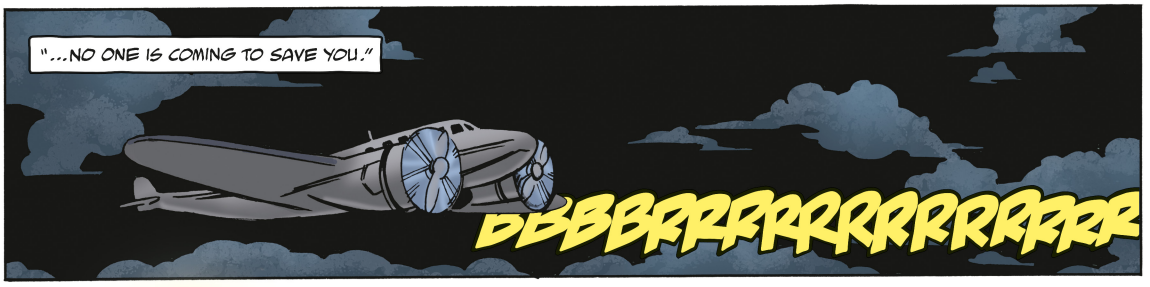
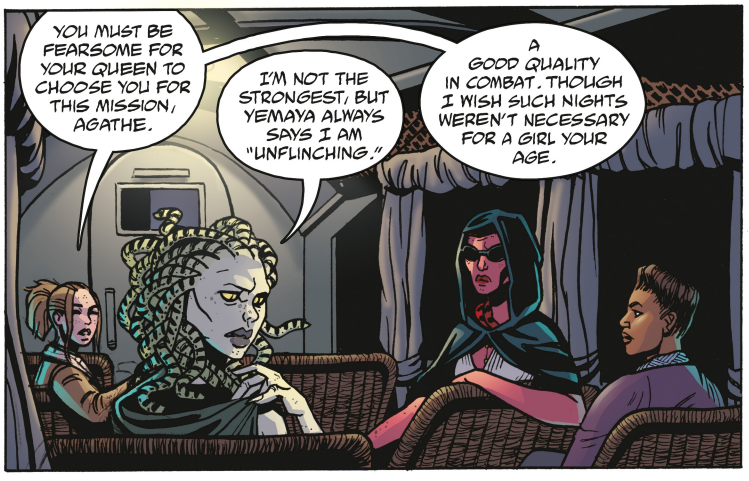
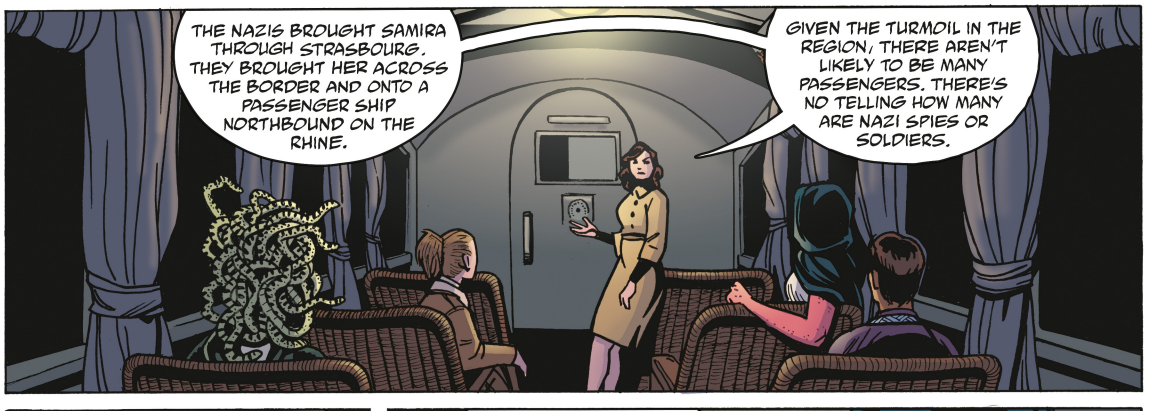

⟨NO SIGN OF PURSUIT?⟩
⟨NOTHING. HOW IS THE LITTLE MONSTER?⟩
⟨I WAS JUST ABOUT TO LOOK IN ON HER.⟩
AHH. THERE YOU ARE, YOU HIDEOUS LITTLE THING. TRUSSED UP SO TIGHTLY.
SAMIRA, LIEBCHEN. YOU WILL DO GREAT THINGS FOR US.
HSSSSSSZZZ
I WILL TEAR OUT YOUR THROAT AND WATCH YOU BLEED. TURNING YOU TO STONE WOULD BE A MERCY.
FILTHY CHILD. YOU ARE HELPLESS, NOW. A LITTLE VIPER YOU MAY BE, BUT YOU WILL LEARN TO STRIKE ONLY WHEN WE COMMAND IT.
MEDUSA WILL DO NOTHING...
...MEDUSA... WILL...


"...NO ONE IS COMING TO SAVE YOU."
DBBBRRRRRRRRRRRRR

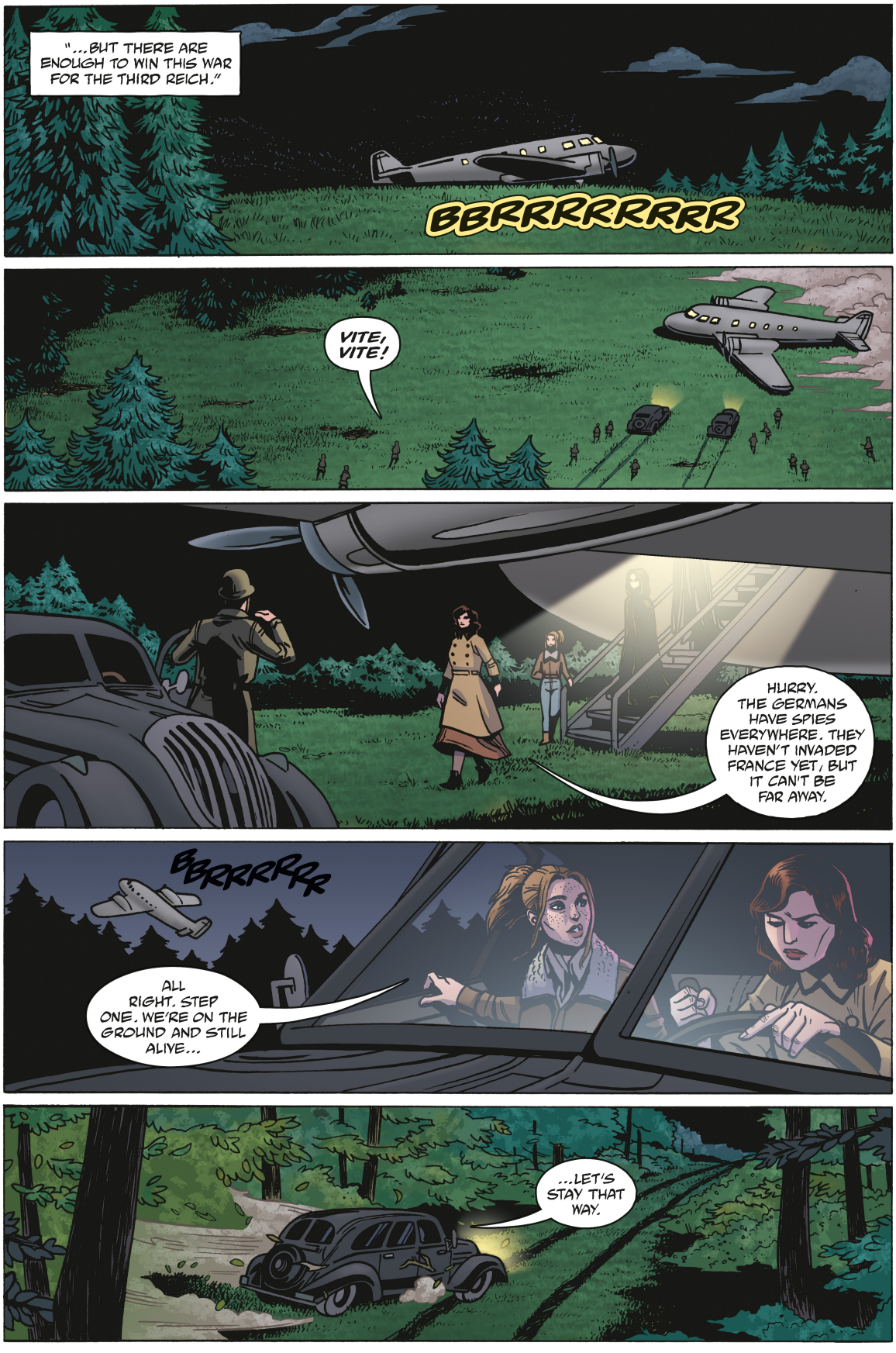

YOU MUST BE FEARSOME FOR YOUR QUEEN TO CHOOSE YOU FOR THIS MISSION, AGATHE.
I'M NOT THE STRONGEST, BUT YEMAYA ALWAYS SAYS I AM "UNFLINCHING."
A GOOD QUALITY IN COMBAT. THOUGH I WISH SUCH NIGHTS WEREN'T NECESSARY FOR A GIRL YOUR AGE.

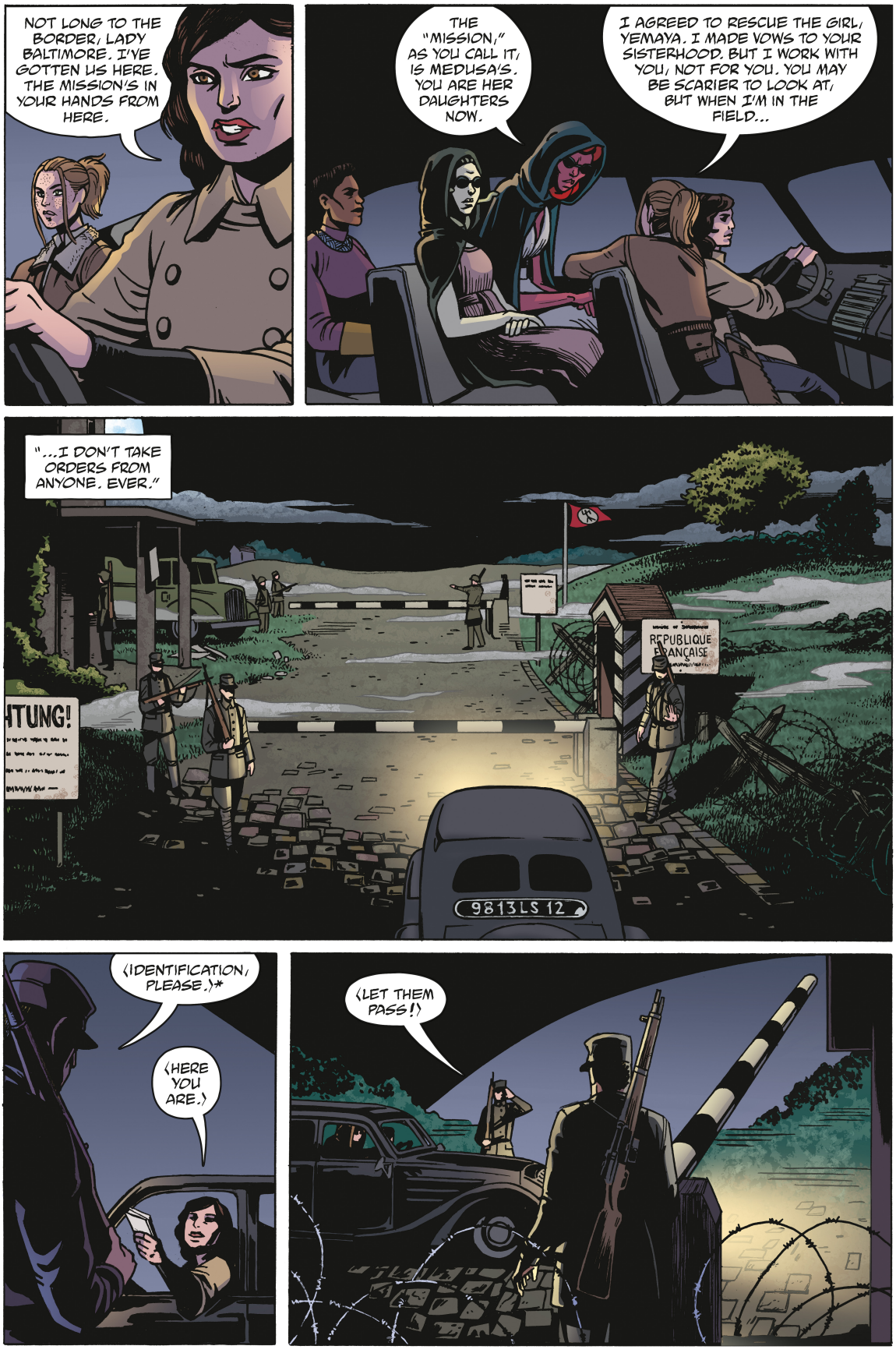
ALL RIGHT. WE'RE NEARLY TO STRASBOURG. IT'S GOING TO MOVE QUICKLY THE MOMENT WE TOUCH DOWN.


THE NAZIS BROUGHT SAMIRA THROUGH STRASBOURG. THEY BROUGHT HER ACROSS THE BORDER AND ONTO A PASSENGER SHIP NORTHBOUND ON THE RHINE.
GIVEN THE TURMOIL IN THE REGION, THERE AREN'T LIKELY TO BE MANY PASSENGERS. THERE'S NO TELLING HOW MANY ARE NAZI SPIES OR SOLDIERS.

SO IT'S THE FIVE OF US AND A BOATLOAD OF NAZIS? MAYBE WE NEED TO TAKE MORE TIME, FORMULATE A BETTER PLAN?

WE DON'T HAVE TIME TO BE CLEVER, JOSEPHINE. WHEN MEDUSA DIES, SAMIRA WILL INHERIT HER THRONE, HER TITLE, HER NAME. SHE WILL BE SUFFUSED WITH NEW POWER.
IF THE NAZIS CONTROL HER, THEY WILL BE ABLE TO COMMAND ALL THE WORLD'S GORGONS. THERE AREN'T MANY OF US LEFT...


"...BUT THERE ARE ENOUGH TO WIN THIS WAR FOR THE THIRD REICH."
BBRRRRRRRR
VITE, VITE!
HURRY. THE GERMANS HAVE SPIES EVERYWHERE. THEY HAVEN'T INVADED FRANCE YET, BUT IT CAN'T BE FAR AWAY.
BBRRRRRR
ALL RIGHT. STEP ONE. WE'RE ON THE GROUND AND STILL ALIVE...
...LET'S STAY THAT WAY.



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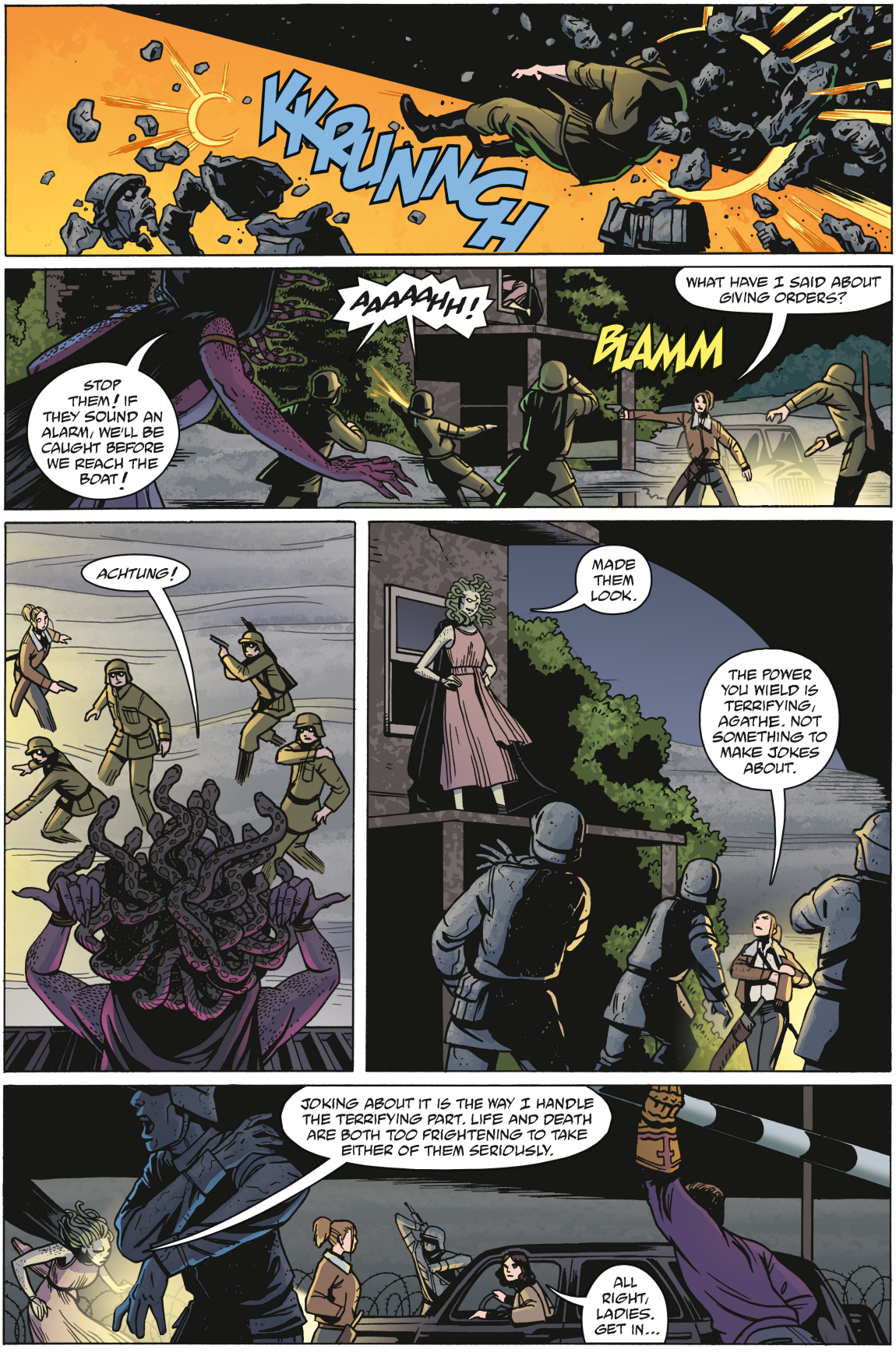

KKRUNNCH
AAAAAHH!
BLAMM
WHAT HAVE I SAID ABOUT GIVING ORDERS?
STOP THEM! IF THEY SOUND AN ALARM, WE'LL BE CAUGHT BEFORE WE REACH THE BOAT!
ACHTUNG!
MADE THEM LOOK.
THE POWER YOU WIELD IS TERRIFYING, AGATHE. NOT SOMETHING TO MAKE JOKES ABOUT.
JOKING ABOUT IT IS THE WAY I HANDLE THE TERRIFYING PART. LIFE AND DEATH ARE BOTH TOO FRIGHTENING TO TAKE EITHER OF THEM SERIOUSLY.
ALL RIGHT, LADIES. GET IN...

"...WE'VE GOT A BOAT TO CATCH!"
(YOU KNOW, LITTLE ONE, I NEVER THOUGHT THAT BEING IN THE PRESENCE OF A MONSTER COULD BORE ME. BUT YOU'VE PROVEN ME WRONG...)
"(...NO RESPONSE? ARE YOU SLEEPING? WHERE HAVE YOU GONE, LITTLE SNAKE?)"
HHSSS HHSSS
HSSSSSS
HHSSSSSSS
(SHIT! STOP THAT! STOP IT NOW!)

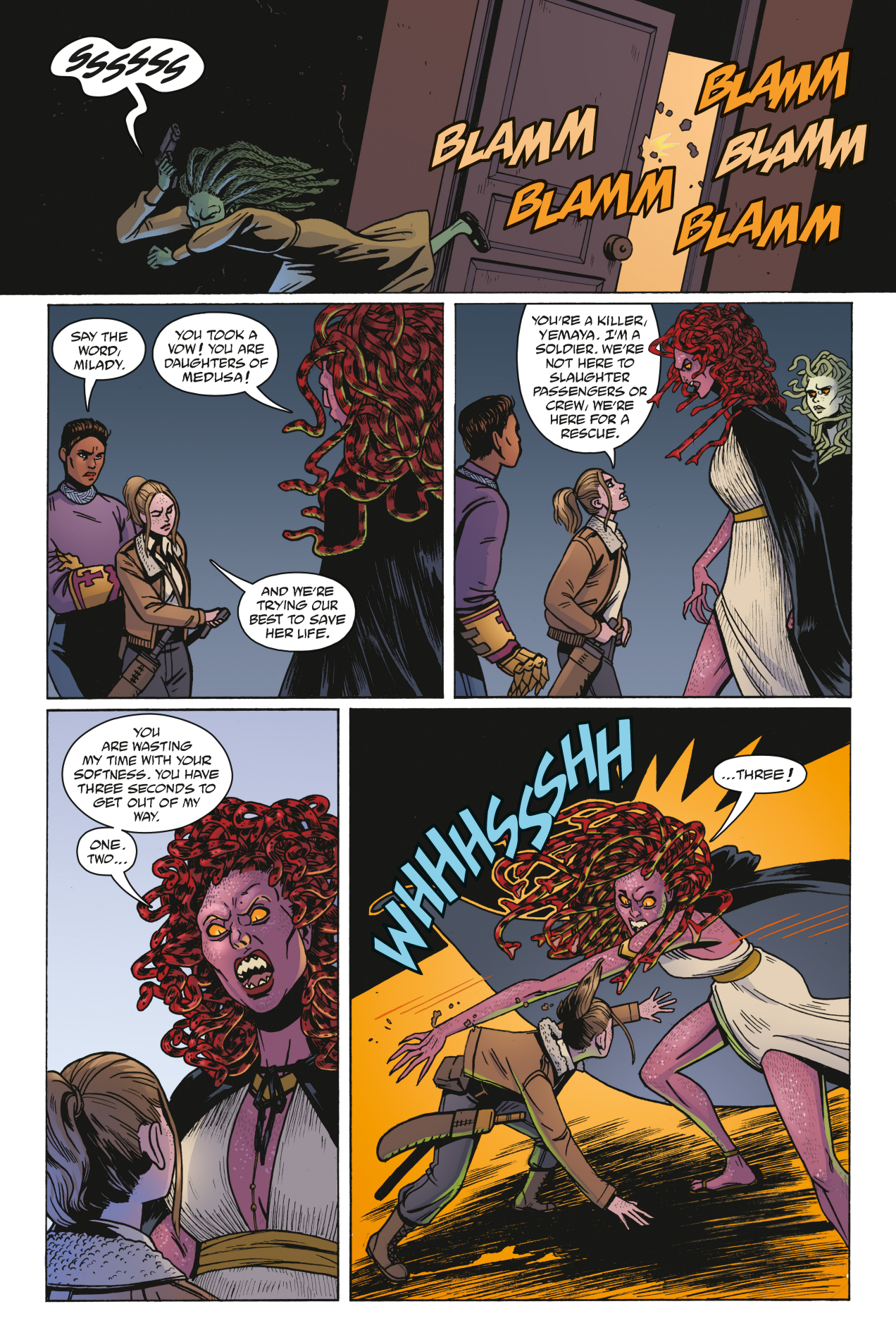
SNAAP
(GOD IN HEAVEN...)
NO...NOT NOW...
WHAT IS IT?
THE OLD QUEEN IS DEAD...
OH, NO...MY QUEEN...
BLAMM
SPLAT
"...LONG LIVE THE QUEEN..."
HHHSSSS
TRY THAT AGAIN.
"...SAMIRA IS NO LONGER HER NAME. SHE IS MEDUSA NOW."

NO IDEA WHAT THIS IS GOING TO MEAN, OR WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN ON THAT BOAT NOW, BUT WE DON'T HAVE ROOM FOR SUBTLETY.
GET US ONTO THAT BRIDGE!
⟨STOP HER! WE MUSTN'T KILL HER, BUT WE CAN'T LET HER ESCAPE!⟩
⟨STUPID GIRL!⟩ THERE IS NOWHERE FOR YOU TO RUN.
WOMAN, MY ONLY BLOOD IN THE WORLD JUST DIED. I'M QUEEN OF THE GORGONS NOW...AND GORGONS DON'T RUN. WE SURVIVE.
BLAM BLAM
WE WANT YOU TO SURVIVE. BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN YOU WON'T BLEED FIRST.
⟨YOU! GET BELOW, NOW! YOU'RE NEEDED!⟩
I MUST BE OUT OF MY DAMNED MIND!

OOOF!
NOT GETTING ANY YOUNGER.
THUMPP
⟨DO NOT TAKE ANOTHER STEP, WOMAN!⟩
OH, WE'RE LONG PAST THAT POINT, KOTZBROCKEN.
EYES UP HERE, BOYS!
⟨ANOTHER ONE! WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!⟩
THRAAK

⟨THEY ARE ONLY WOMEN! KILL THEM, YOU WEAKLINGS!⟩
I HAVE A SECRET TO SHARE WITH YOU, PIG.
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS...
..."ONLY WOMEN"...
HHHRRK!
DAMN IT, YEMAYA! WHAT'VE YOU DONE? WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE WALKING INTO, HERE!
YOU SAID WE DIDN'T HAVE TIME FOR SUBTLETY, LADY BALTIMORE. I AGREE.
WHICH IS WHY AGATHE AND I PLAN TO KILL EVERY MAN ON THIS SHIP WHO STANDS BETWEEN US AND OUR NEW QUEEN.

BLAM BLAM BLAM
IRMA!
HHHURRRKKK
⟨LITTLE BITCH! I THOUGHT YOU SAID GORGONS DON'T RUN?⟩
DON'T WORRY...
YOU'LL BE DEAD BEFORE I GET OFF THIS BO-- OHH!
⟨IT'S HER!⟩
BLAM BLAM
UNNHHH
SHHRIPPT
SSSSSSS
LOOK. WHAT. YOU. HAVE. DONE.


SSSSSS
BLAMM
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SAY THE WORD, MILADY.
YOU TOOK A VOW! YOU ARE DAUGHTERS OF MEDUSA!
AND WE'RE TRYING OUR BEST TO SAVE HER LIFE.
YOU'RE A KILLER, YEMAYA. I'M A SOLDIER. WE'RE NOT HERE TO SLAUGHTER PASSENGERS OR CREW, WE'RE HERE FOR A RESCUE.
YOU ARE WASTING MY TIME WITH YOUR SOFTNESS. YOU HAVE THREE SECONDS TO GET OUT OF MY WAY.
ONE. TWO...
WHHHSSSHH
...THREE!

OOOFF!
GGHHHKKK!
JOSEPHINE, ANY NAZIS SHOW UP ON DECK, YOU THREE ELIMINATE THEM. BUT MOST OF THE CREW ARE LIKELY INNOCENTS, AND WE DO ALL WE CAN TO PROTECT THE INNOCENT.
OF COURSE, MILADY.
I AM... MEDUSA... I WILL... SURVIVE...
SSSSSS
KLIK
BLAM BLAM BLAM

PNGG
BLAM BLAM BLAM
(GOD DAMN IT.)
YEAAGGHH!
SSSSSSSSS
HHHSSSS
AAIIEEE

KEEP YOUR EYES AVERTED IF YOU WANT TO LIVE THROUGH THE NIGHT!
YOU'RE A FOOL. THEY ARE ALIGNED WITH YOUR ENEMIES.
...SOMEDAY WE'LL HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT HOW MANY DIFFERENT WAYS THERE ARE TO DEFINE "MONSTROSITY." BUT I'M TOO TIRED FOR PHILOSOPHY NOW.
SAMIRA!
YEMAYA... IT'S MEDUSA, NOW.
OF COURSE, YOUR MAJESTY. FORGIVE ME.
...ALWAYS...
WE GOT THE JOB DONE. I'M GLAD ABOUT THAT. BUT YOU KNOW THE CREW WILL HAVE RADIOED AHEAD BY NOW. WHEREVER WE DOCK NEXT, THERE'LL BE PLENTY OF NAZIS WAITING.
CHARLOTTE WILL FIND A WAY TO GET US OFF THE SHIP LONG BEFORE THEN. AND EVEN IF SHE DOESN'T MANAGE IT, WE'LL BE ALL RIGHT...
MEDUSA OWES US ONE.
THE END